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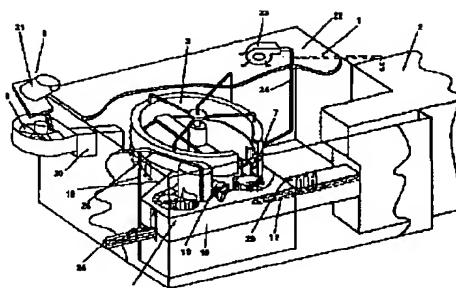
(54) **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HIGH-PURITY
BOTTLING OF BEVERAGE**

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(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To keep a transfer path as short as possible by realizing ultraclean room conditions in a region adjacent to a filling member and a region adjacent to a sealing member while a filling machine and a sealing machine are placed in a room in which at least clean room conditions prevail.

SOLUTION: A room 1 is closed by a ceiling 22 having a sterile air blower 23 attached thereto. A sealing machine 4 has a closing cap supplied from a reserving receptacle 21 of a closing cap supply means 5. The closing cap is led from the closing cap supply means 5 into a sterilization bath 6, passes through a gate means 20 and is advanced via a conduit 26 to a sealing machine 4. A region of a feeding star member 18 and the sealing machine 4 is surrounded, similarly to a peripheral region of a rotary filling machine 3, by a wall 19 extending to an immersion bath sterilizer 2. A region separated from the room 1 where ultraclean room conditions are maintained via a conduit 26 is in a region of a bottle transfer path.



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